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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 26, as follows:

In the automatic dispensing tip supply apparatus described above, whenever the lifting plate 21 ascends, the dispensing tips 1 are lifted up to the outlet 31 and only the dispensing tips held by the tip holding section 943, 44) are discharged from the box. The randomly inserted dispensing tips 1 can thus be removed one by one and supplied to a position for use. Since, moreover, the dispensing tips 1 are selected ~~both~~ by both restrictions on the space of the top end face of the lifting plate 21 and by the tip holding section (43, 44), there is no fear that the tips 1 will be carried out overlapping each other.